

# St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MARCH 2022

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## Winter Weather Policy

It's that time of year again. When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made using the telephone messaging service. As always, use your good judgment because your safety is important to us.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you for your generous support of Souper Bowl of Caring! Together, we were able to collect 880 cans of food to go to St. Mark's Food Pantry and \$1000 to go to Feeding America of Southwest Virginia. We anticipate more donations before the campaign is officially over as well! Thank you again for loving, feeding, and serving our neighbors.

## Coffee Cup Recap

During the month of February, St. Philip provided a sermon series called "Coffee Cup Scripture" to explore more deeply some of the bible's most famously quoted passages. It was awesome to see the wonderful collection of items brought in to show the many ways we display scripture in our lives! We hope that you enjoyed the series, and the next time you see a bible verse quoted on a coffee cup, or anywhere else, you may know a bit more about the way in which that verse proclaims God's love and grace with the world!

## Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday falls on March 2 this year. This is an important day where we, as children of God, remember our mortality and our reliance on God with the words "You are dust and to dust you shall return." We wear the ashes in the shape of the cross on our foreheads as an outward sign of our repentance.



Ash Wednesday also begins the Lenten journey towards the cross and resurrection. **You are invited to worship at 7pm either in person at St. Philip or live streaming via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipLutheran>).**

The imposition of ashes, an important part of this day, will still happen. If you would like to participate online, there are individually packaged ashes available at the church for pick up. If you will be attending worship in the sanctuary, ashes will be given to you as you arrive for the service.

## Worship on Wednesdays in Lent

To build on our reading of Acts, St. Philip is partnering with the Virginia Synod online ministry Peace and Hope. Pastor Laura and Pastor David will be 2 of the leaders providing reflections during these Wednesday worship opportunities. Join worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm the link [www.peacehopeva.org/worship](http://www.peacehopeva.org/worship).

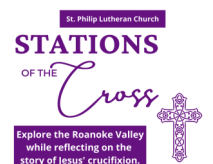


- Wed., March 9 - **Called and Empowered to be a Witness: Acts 1:6-11**
- Wed., March 16 - **Connecting to One another – Acts 2:42-47**
- Wed., March 23 - **Witnessing in our Circles – Acts 6:1-7**
- Wed., March 30 - **Witnessing to our Community – Acts 8:26-40**
- Wed., April 6 - **Witnessing to the Ends of the Earth – Acts 17:16-33**

As we hear the stories of these early Christians and their efforts to live their faith and share God's story, we can listen for ways that God's Word is speaking to us today and see opportunities for how we can proclaim God's kingdom in our context.

## Stations of the Cross

As we begin our journey through the season of Lent, we begin our journey to the cross. A long-held tradition of the church is the Stations of the Cross. This is an opportunity to pray and meditate on the different stages of Jesus' crucifixion. This year, we're excited to offer a creative way to do the Stations of the Cross in the Roanoke Valley. Each of the Stations are connected with a place in the Roanoke Valley, scripture, a reflection and prayer. We've even added a "Love in Action" bonus to each station so that you may take the devotional one step further, if you'd like! Please check out this creative devotional and consider making it a part of your Lenten journey! To access the Stations of the Cross in the Valley, please pick up a paper copy at the church or go to [www.tinyurl.com/SOTCRVA](http://www.tinyurl.com/SOTCRVA)



## Council News—February 2021

Linda Duncan Rhodes

Council met on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for the month ending January 31, 2022 of \$33,606.32 and year-to-date receipts of \$33,606.22 which left a surplus of \$8,253.72. Expenses for the month ending January 31, 2022 were \$25,892.06 and were under our monthly income by \$7,714.16. Year to date expenses by \$7,714.16. Cash balance for the month ending January 31, 2022 was \$22,034.84.

Council feels the COVID protocol we are presently using should stay in effect at this time. The continuation of the present protocol will be revisited in the March meeting.

Those serving on the Nominating Committee for church council are Gary Dudley, Kathleen Radtke, Sybille Nelson, Pastor David and Pastor Laura. Council is also looking for a replacement for Council Secretary and Pastor David and Pastor Laura are looking for a replacement for the Church Treasurer.

Pastor Laura reported on ongoing ministries in the congregation. We are now posting on the St. Philip social

media every day and our online worship presence and participation continues to grow. Children's and adult faith formation continues. Our prayer shawl ministry provides powerful comfort to many. A virtual congregational trivia night is planned for March 20, 2022.

The Benevolent Endowment distributions have been made.

The pews and choir chairs in the sanctuary have been professionally cleaned by Stanley Steamer.

The next council meeting will be March 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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## Nominating Committee

Each April the community at St. Philip elects leaders to serve as a part of the church council. Church council serves the congregation as the primary

decision making body for our community. A nominating committee has been formed to help identify some potential people to serve in this incredibly important role. Serving on the nominating committee are:

Kathleen Radtke, Sybille Nelson, Gary Dudley, and Pastor David. If you would like to be nominated or would like the committee to consider a gifted member of this community speak with any of these individuals.

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## Virtual Trivia Night

Calling all trivia enthusiasts! Or those who just like to share fun fellowship! St. Philip is hosting a virtual trivia

night on **Sunday, March 20th, at 7pm.** You're welcome to form your own trivia team (up to 6 people) and log into zoom on one account for the team or separately from your own

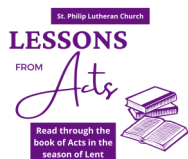
spaces. If you'd like to play, but aren't with a team, just log in as yourself and you'll be paired with a team! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information on this fun event!

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## Faith Formation

### Adult Faith

**Formation - Jesus** ascending into heaven. The Holy Spirit blowing in like a roaring wind. An explosion of growth in the early church creating joys and problems. Raising up new leaders and investing time in teaching and in prayer. An arch enemy becomes a champion of the cause. Some people are killed. Some people are healed and others are raised from the dead. Political intrigue, conflict, crowds angrily chasing God's messenger out of the city and dangerous sea voyages. It all sounds a little like a pitch for a summer movie, but it is actually a quick description of the book of Acts and the unexpected story of the birth



of the Christian movement following Jesus' death and resurrection.

During Lent, you are invited to read the Acts of the Apostles in the bible as we seek to engage God's Word. The plan is to read the entire Book of Acts during the season of Lent. Acts has 28 chapters, so if you miss a day, don't worry – you don't need to read a book a day to finish by the end of Lent.

And just as the early church described in Acts was a community that gathered to explore, share and grow in faith, we also plan to gather on Sunday mornings, starting March 16 at 10:45am to do the very same thing as we unpack together our experiences reading this amazing story of living grace; living faith. You can be a part of that conversation in the church

library or by joining via Zoom (meeting I.D. 871 1095 7403 and password 24019).

### Children's Faith Formation -

Children up to 5th grade are invited to join Pastor Laura for "Faith and Fun" at 10:30am. In this class, kids will hear bible stories, do crafts, and have fun while learning about God's amazing love!

### Monday Morning Bible Study -

Start your week in the Word! The Monday Morning Bible study group will meet both via Zoom and in the church library. Come join to discuss the upcoming lectionary texts and discuss how God is at work in those stories and our world today! (meeting I.D. 838 9536 5636, password 24019).

# Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked)  
using letters found in the words



## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



See! The winter is \_ \_ \_ \_ ; the rains are over  
and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season  
of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

“Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no  
part of it \_ \_ \_ \_ , it will be just as full of light as  
when a lamp shines its light on you.” (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your  
fingers, the moon and the \_ \_ \_ \_ , which  
you have set in place, what is mankind that you  
are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ,  
each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD  
has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but  
you are fellow citizens with the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
and members of the household of God.  
(Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answer: past, dark, stars, astray, saints

## Music Notes

Judy Burnette

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” - An  
African American Spiritual, Adapted  
by William Farley Smith.

*I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

This well-loved spiritual is often used  
during Lent, healing and prayer  
services. In some variations, the  
beginning words to some verses are: “I  
want Jesus to ‘talk with me’” instead  
of “walk with me.” “When I am  
grieving and when I am dying” were  
used in other verses instead of what we  
usually hear: In all my trials” and  
“When I’m in trouble.”

What is most important to realize from  
the text of this song is that we always  
need Jesus in our lives.

## Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member  
Calvin Knotts – Member  
Judy Diekow – Member  
Kathryn Buchanan – Member  
Betty Hammond – Member  
Ruth Albertin - Juli Albertin’s mother  
Emily Totten - Member & Scott  
Buchanan’s sister  
Barbara Simpson - Member  
Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath’s  
granddaughter  
Don Stith - Member  
Nancy Shadix - Member  
Sara Aubitz - Member

## March Birthdays

Reece Derrick	March 1
Linda Hudson	March 1
Keith Brown	March 2
Liz Leonard	March 5
Gary Waldron	March 10
Polly Kanode	March 12
Dorothy Finger	March 15
Lynn Erwin	March 17
Ryan Mehalic	March 18
Laura Swanson	March 18
Miles Parker	March 19
Jacob Clark	March 20
Layla Parker	March 24
Kristian Schult	March 25
Will Saeger	March 26
Ryan Reiter	March 27
Sarah Parker	March 29

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Change Service Requested

**David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
**Laura Swanson, Pastor (pastorlaura@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
**Laura J. Weatherford Burns, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
**Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)**  
**Jody Draper, Custodian**

**Church Council**

Shannon Radmacher, Council President; Gary Dudley, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;  
Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes, Council Secretary;  
Members: Doug Layman, Bruce Johnson, Kathleen Radtke, Gary Sahn, Donna Spradlin,  
Donna Wright, Jacob Schult

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

